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NEW SIGNAGE INSTALLATION BEGINS SUNDAY FOR I-85 EXPRESS LANES IN DEKALB AND GWINNETT

DULUTH, Ga. – Construction of the new Express Lane System along Interstate 85 hits a major milestone Sunday as the first new signs are installed along the corridor. Weather permitting, new signs will be installed each Sunday through Thursday night.

This overnight work will require lane closures and pacing of traffic. Traffic pacing can only occur in that night's work zone between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. There are over 60 new signs on this project. Additional work continues as a second work zone is installed at times this week.

As weather permits, lane closures are scheduled to occur during the day and overnight on the Interstate 85 Express Lanes project in DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties. The work plan for next week is below.

The work plan requires **weeknight** lane closures northbound and southbound. Both directions of the High Occupancy Vehicle lane or inside lane will close overnight at these locations if weather permits. Northbound lane closures will begin at 10 p.m. and continue overnight to 5 a.m. the next day. Southbound lane closures will begin at 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. the next day. Up to three lanes will be closed nightly, but these triple lane closures will only occur after midnight. Traffic will be paced one to three times as needed for that night's work between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. for the installation of new signs.

Sunday, 15th for work along the median wall from Pleasantdale Road to SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd

Monday, 16th for work along the median wall from Northcrest Road to Shallowford Road and a second work zone from Boggs Road to Sugarloaf Parkway

Tuesday, 17th for work along the median wall from Clairmont Road to Chamblee Tucker Road and a second work zone from Pleasant Hill Road to Boggs Road

Wednesday, 18th for work along the median wall from Shallowford Road to I-285 and a second work zone from SR 378/Beaver Ruin Road to Steve Reynolds Blvd.

Thursday, 19th for work along the median wall from I-285 to Pleasantdale Road and a second work zone on SR 316 from I-85 to Sugarloaf Parkway

Daytime work will occur this week and work hours northbound are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and southbound work hours at from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., between peak commute hours.

Monday, 16th daily through Wednesday, 18th work will occur on I-85 north and south closing the left lane or HOV lane from Pleasantdale Rd to south of SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd.

The existing High Occupancy Vehicle lanes on Interstate 85 will continue in operation allowing vehicles with 2 or more people, motorcycles and alternate fuel vehicles to use the lanes until the Express Lane System is opened. Please visit www.georgiatolls.com for additional information.

The I-85 Express Lanes Project includes installation of 16 miles of fiber and signage along Interstate Highway 85 between Chamblee Tucker Road and Old Peachtree Road and along State Route 316 between I-85 and Riverside Parkway.

When completed, registered transit buses, motorcycles, alternative fueled vehicles and vehicles with three or more passengers will be allowed to use the inside (left) HOT lane for free, while single- and double-occupant vehicles will be allowed to use the lane if they choose to pay a variably priced toll.

Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone, web, and mobile service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online or as a hybrid solution via a free download for your smart phone. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, its mobile application download, or to learn how to become a sponsor, visit www.511ga.org.

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